The Hiſtory Of

Pericles, Prince of Tyre.

Enter Gower.

TO ſing a ſong that old was ſung,
From aſhes, ancient *Gower* is come,
Aſſuming mans infirmities,
To glad your eare, and pleaſe your eies;
It hath beene ſung at Feſtiuals,
On Ember eues, and holy-daies
And Lords and Ladies in their liues,
Haue read it for reſtoratiues:
The purchaſe is to make men glorious.
Et bonum quo Antiquius eo melius:
If you, borne in theſe latter times,
When wits more ripe, accept my Rimes:
And that to heare an old man ſing,
May to your wiſhes pleaſure bring
I life would wiſh, and might
Waſte it for you like Taper-light.
This *Antioch*, then, *Antiochus* the great,
Built vp this City for his chiefeſt ſeate;
The faireſt in all *Syria*.
I tell you what mine Authors ſay:
This King vnto him tooke a peere,
Who died, and left a female heire,
So buckſome, blithe, and full of face,

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